PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRAVANCORE-COCHIN
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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The Assembly met in the Legislative Chamber, Trivandrum at 11 of the clock on Friday the 24th March 1950, with Mr. Speaker, in the Chair.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Oral Answers

(The number within brackets indicates the number in the list of admitted questions).

TOWN PLANNING

*599. [1] **Sri. D. Gnanasigamoni :** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Industries, Excise and Local Self-Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the attitude of Government as regards the town planning scheme at Nagercoil ; and

(*b*) how long is the matter pending with Government ?

Minister for Industries, Excise and Local Self-Government **[Sri. N. Kunjuraman] :**

(*a*) Government are interested in the scheme.

(*b*) The scheme is being worked out.

Sri. D. Gnanasigamoni: May I know the amount of money so far spent by Government on the scheme ?

Sri. N. Kunjuraman : About Rs. 29 thousand.

ശ്രീ. അലക്സാണ്ടർ പറമ്പിത്തറ : തിരുവിതാംകൂറിലെ ടൗൺ പ്ലാനിംഗ് സ്കീം സംബന്ധമായിട്ടുള്ള വ്യാപിപ്പിക്കൽ ശമ്പളത്തിൽ വിചാരിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

ശ്രീ. എൻ. കുഞ്ഞുരാമൻ : ഏതെങ്കിലും സ്ഥലം ഉൾപ്പെടുത്തണമെന്നുള്ള പക്ഷം അതു നോട്ടീഫിക്കേഷൻ പ്രസിദ്ധപ്പെടുത്തും.

P. W. D. COMMITTEES.

*600. [2] **Sri. N. Daniel Jose :** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the functions and powers of the Central P. W. D. Committee ; and

(*b*) the functions and powers of the Taluk P. W. D. Committees ?

Minister for Public Works, Communications and Agriculture **[Sri. E. John Philipose]:**

(*a*) This has been abolished.

(*b*) Statement is laid down on the table.

RULES FOR THE FORMATION AND WORKING OF P. W. D. WORKS COMMITTEES IN TRAVANCORE IN RESPECT OF COMMUNICATIONS, MINOR IRRIGATION AND MISCELLANEOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Preamble.—Whereas it is proposed to constitute Works Committees as stated in the Press Note of Government, dated 9th January 1949 for purposes of making recommendations to Government and drawing up programme of Public Works in each taluk from time to time in the order of priority to be accorded to each work, Government are pleased to pass the following rules for the formation and working of the Committee in general.

‡ Answer to this question laid on the table, the questioner being absent.

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Preliminary.—1. In these rule unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context:—

(*a*) the term "Committee" means either Taluk Committee or the Central Committee as the case may be as they are constituted under these rules.

(*b*) the term "Assembly" means the Travancore Legislative Assembly.

CONSTITUTION.

A. Central Committee.

2. There will be a Central Public Works Committee constituted for the whole of the State with headquarters at Trivandrun.

3. It will consist of the following members:—

i. The Honourable Minister for Works and Communications, who will be ex-officio President of the Committee.
ii. The Chief Engineer who will also be the Convener of this Committee.
iii. The Land Commissioner.
iv. The Financial Secretary to Government.
v. Five members, one from each P. W. D. Division, elected by the Assembly.

B. Taluk Committees.

4. The jurisdiction of the Taluk Committees will be as follows.—

i. There will be one Taluk Committee for each Taluk in the State.
ii. The jurisdiction of the Taluk Committee will be confined to the Taluk it represents.

5. The personnel of each Taluk Committee will be as follows:—

i. The Executive Engineer in the case of Taluks where the headquarters of the P. W. D. Division are located and in the case of the other Taluks the P. W. D. Sub-Division Officer or Sub-Division Officers under whose jurisdiction the Taluk in question lies.
ii. The Tahsildar of the Taluk.
iii. The President of the Taluk Congress Committee or one non-official nominated by Government in case the Congress Committee is not properly functioning or does not exist in the Taluk.
iv. The member or members representing the Taluk in the Legislature.
v. One non-official nominated by Government.

6. The President of the Taluk Committee will be nominated by the Government from amongst the members of the Committee.

7. In Taluks where the Executive Engineer has his headquarters, the Executive Engineer will be the Convener and in the case of the other Taluks, the Sub-Division Officer under whose jurisdiction the major portion of the Taluk lies, will be the Convener.

General Rules.

8. The quorum for the meeting of the Central and Taluk Committees shall be three of which two at least should be non-officials.

9. The Central Committee shall meet at Trivandrum at least thrice a year on dates to be notified by the Convener.

10. The Taluk Committee will meet at least once in two months at the headquarters of the Convener on dates to be notified by him.

11. In the meetings of the Taluk Committees all representations received by the Government or Chief Engineer or the Executive Engineers or other heads of Departments or Offices of the State from the Public, Members of the Legislature, etc., relating to improvements of communications, minor irrigation facilities, construction of new roads, bridges, culverts, new minor irrigation works, taking over under maintenance ryots roads, introduction of new ferries, junghars, local water supplies and drainage questions, sinking of wells, construction of bathing ghats improvements of tanks for communal purposes and matters connected with the better maintenance of minor roads, village roads, traces and similar local needs to be attended to by the P. W. D. relating to the Taluk in question will be discussed and recommendations made to the Central Committee.

12. The Convener of the meeting shall furnish to the members a complete list of such representations received by him in his official capacity and relevent information such as approximate cost, etc. He shall also furnish a complete list of works for which estimates have been sanctioned up-to-date but not yet started for various reasons.

13. The members of the Committees shall be at liberty to supplement the above list with suggestions of their own.

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14. The Convener of the Committee will prepare and circulate among the members and place before the President a statement of business for each meeting including all representations suggestions, etc., in the form of an agenda.

15. The Taluk Committees at their meeting or meetings shall discuss the comparative merits of all the items of works brought to their notice and prepare a statement of works they would recommend to the Central Committee for inclusion in the next year's budget arranged in the order of priority. This recommendation by the Taluk Committees should reach the Convener or the Central Committee before the end of Meenam each year. The statements shall contain the approximate cost of each work and the approximate amount they would recommend to be provided in the next year's budget.

16. The Convener shall also forward along with the statement a copy of the minutes of the Committee signed by the President of the Committee.

17. After receipt of the statements and minutes of the Taluk Committees referred to in Rule 9 and 10 by the Central Committee, the Central Committee shall prepare a Taluk-war statement of works arranged in the order of urgency which it recommends for being taken up for execution in the succeeding year. The statement shall also contain the approximate cost of each work proposed and the amount it recommends to be spent in the succeeding year's budget.

18. The Financial Secretary to Government will furnish the Central Committee in consultation with the Chief Engineer the approximate total amount which can be expected to be spent for incomplete and new works under communications Miscellaneous Public Improvements and Minor Irrigation in the succeeding year. This information shall be furnished before the Central Committee meets. The Central Committee will then distribute this amount in the order of urgency decided by them for expenditure in the succeeding year.

19. In fixing the amount for each work the Central Committee and Taluk Committees shall see as far as possible that :

(*a*) all works estimated to amount less than Rs. 10,000 are provided for completion with the full allotment in the succeeding year and works costing above this amount are distributed on a short or long range programme depending on the amount of estimate so as to ensure speedy completion of smaller works of a local character.

(*b*) works for which estimates have been already sanctioned are given preference.

20. It will be competent to the Taluk or Central Committee to recommend to cancel any sanctioned estimate if they are of opinion that the work need not be taken up in the near future.

21. The distribution of the grant for expenditure on annual maintenance will not come within the purview of the Taluk Committee as usual. The Taluk Committees will be free, however, to advise and make concrete suggestions about the best way of utilising the grant allotted for the maintenance of minor roads. village roads, traces and minor irrigation works, etc., within their jurisdiction.

22. After the Committees come into existence, all representations or petitions regarding construction or improvements under Communications, Minor Irrigation facilities, sinking of wells, etc., shall be addressed to the Taluk Committees.

23. A separate register showing these representations or petitions or requisitions received and forwarded to the Committees shall be maintained in the offices of the Chief Engineer, Division Officers and Sub-Division Officers.

24. Nothing in these rules shall be held to prevent the Government in undertaking any work on their own initiative.

25. The Committee will meet and frame the rules to regulate the conduct of business at their meetings.

GEORGE MATHEW
Secretary to Government

Huzur Cutcherry,
Trivandrum,
12th March 1949.

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*൩൦൫. (൯) ശ്രീ. കണ്ണാറ തോപ്രാമ്പുഴ: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾ ക്ക് ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ട്രാൻസ്പോർട്ടുകപ്പുമന്ത്രി സദയം മറുപടി നൽകുമോ.—

(എ) സ്റ്റേറ്റ ട്രാൻസ്പോർട്ട് ബസ്സുകളിൽ ഓവർബ്രിഡ്ജ് കയറുന്നതിന് സൗകര്യം ഉണ്ടാക്കുന്നതിന് അനുവദിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ; ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ എത്ര വ്യവസ്ഥയനുസരിച്ചാണ്; സ്റ്റേറ്റകാർ ഉള്ള

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